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The Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District has just recently released its draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a Chloride Compliance Facilities Plan to reduce chloride levels at the District's two wastewater treatment plants. The Plan will address a Notice of Violation issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board in May 2011, and will ensure compliance with the Upper Santa Clara River Chloride Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) adopted in 2002 and revised in 2008.

The draft EIR analyzes alternatives to reduce the chloride levels in the treated wastewater, including an alternative that would truck brine from the Valencia Water Reclamation Plant to an undetermined location in unincorporated East Los Angeles, where the brine would be discharged to a sewer, or it would be trucked to the City of Carson, where the brine would be taken directly to the Sanitation Districts' Joint Water Pollution Control Plant. The trucking operation would add approximately 90 truck trips per day to already congested freeways serving commuters from North County and the

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San Gabriel Valley. The local communities may suffer from additional pollution due to truck emissions as well as increased traffic congestion.

This alternative—which will critically disrupt and impact the communities—was not mentioned in the Notice of Preparation for the draft EIR, nor was it adequately disclosed to the affected communities. Alarming, it is now one of the top two preferred alternatives in the draft EIR.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS direct the Chief Executive Officer to coordinate the review by the appropriate County departments of the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District's draft EIR for the Chloride Compliance Facilities Plan, including the submittal of comments on all areas of concern during the public review period for the draft EIR.

I, FURTHER, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS authorize the County Counsel to retain outside counsel to review the draft EIR and evaluate the document's legal adequacy, and direct County Counsel to report back to the Board on the County's options with respect to addressing the adequacy of the EIR, including bringing a legal challenge to the project under CEQA as appropriate.

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